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5	5 the record.
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8 Exhibit 1 Hoyer Expert Report and Errata 04	8 MS. LIU: Anita Liu from Paul Weiss for
9 Exhibit 2 Simonson Expert Report 04	9 Google. L-i-u.
10 Exhibit 3 Research Article 198	10 MR. SHEANIN: Aaron Sheanin on behalf of
11 Exhibit 4 Advertiser Perceptions Website Printout 238	
12 Exhibit 5 Article, Service brand relationship 328	11 the United States.
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15	15 of the United States.
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18	19 WAYNE D. HOYER, Ph.D.,
19	20 being first duly sworn or affirmed to testify to
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21 22	21 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the 22 truth, was examined and testified as follows:

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- 1 Q. Okay. So you did not identify any flaws
- 2 in Dr. Simonson's study that you did not lay out
- 3 in your report?
- 4 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. Is there anything in the way that
- 6 Dr. Simonson conducted his survey that you agree
- 7 with?
- 8 A. He did some things right, but there are
- 9 major flaws in the report.
- 10 Q. What did he do right?
- 11 A. Well, he attempted -- he asked certain
- 12 questions that were not leading, but some of the
- 13 key questions in the report were quite flawed.
- 14 Q. What questions that he asked -- did he
- 15 ask that were not leading?
- 16 A. I don't have it -- I don't remember
- 17 the -- I don't have it memorized. If you want to
- 18 go to his survey, I could look at that.
- 19 Q. It's fair to say that if you didn't
- 20 identify a critique of a question in your report,

Q. Okay. Did you take issue with any other

3 aspect of Dr. Simonson's methodology other than

A. Not that I can remember. The main

Q. Okay. So in your report you do not

8 criticize Dr. Simonson's decision to use \$500,000

Q. You think that was an appropriate line to

Q. Okay. That dividing line doesn't render

Q. And you do not think in that sample sizes

19 Dr. Simonson's report methodologically unreliable

9 as the cutoff line between the higher and the

A. Well, in retrospect, looking at the

15 distribution of the advertising spend, I think the

16 high end could be higher, but I don't think

A. Yes. I do not criticize that.

4 the ones that you identified in your report?

21 you think that the question was phrased

A. I would say that. Yes.

6 criticisms are in my report.

10 lower spend surveys, correct?

17 that -- see that as a major flaw.

A. That's correct.

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- 1 in the surveys, the three surveys that
- 2 Dr. Simonson conducted, were inappropriate or too

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- 3 small, right?
- 4 A. My issue is not with the sample size;
- 5 it's with the representativeness of the sample.
- 6 Q. Great. And we'll get into a little bit 7 of that later.
- 8 But you agree that the respondent sample
- 9 size numbers are large enough to draw robust
- 10 conclusions in each of Dr. Simonson's reports,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Well, it's not just about numbers. It's
- 13 about -- representativeness is a bigger issue.
- 14 Q. Understand. But just to focus you on my
- 15 question, you agree that the respondent sample
- 16 size numbers in each of Dr. Simonson's three
- 17 surveys were large enough to draw robust
- 18 conclusions, correct?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Again, I stand by my
- 21 previous answer.
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1 BY MS. DEARBORN:

- 2 Q. I actually need an answer to my question,
- 3 which is, you agree that the respondent sample
- 4 size numbers in each of Dr. Simonson's three
- 5 surveys are large number to draw robust
- 6 conclusions, correct?
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Counsel --
- 8 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 9 Q. Setting aside the representativeness
- 10 issue.
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 12 THE WITNESS: What was --
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: I said asked and answered.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. You can answer the question.
- 16 A. The sample size is adequate.
- 17 Q. Thank you, Dr. Hoyer.
- And you don't criticize Dr. Simonson's
- 19 decision to rely on a third party to assemble a
- 20 panel of respondents, correct?
- A. Correct. That is done routinely in
- 22 research.

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20 in your view?

Q. Okay. And you didn't find any

- 2 quantitative errors in the way that Dr. Simonson
- 3 tabulated his results, right?
- A. Not specific tabulation errors, but some
- 5 in reporting of the results.
- Q. Okay. And focusing on the agency survey
- 7 for a moment, you don't question Dr. Simonson's
- 8 instruction to ask agency respondents to focus on
- 9 the client on which they spend the most time,
- 10 right?

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- 11 A. I don't criticize that, no.
- 12 Q. Okay. And I know -- we'll talk a little
- 13 bit about some questions you have given the length
- 14 of the surveys, but as a general matter, you don't
- 15 think 38 or 39 question is too many to ask
- 16 respondents in a survey, right?
- 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: It depends. It's not just
- 19 the number of questions; it's how detailed those
- 20 questions are. So -- but it's usually in -- that
- 21 would be a reasonable size of a survey.
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- 1 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 2 Q. Thank you.
- And we'll talk a little bit about some of
- 4 your criticisms of Dr. Simonson's exclusion of
- 5 people who took too long to take the survey, or
- 6 not long enough.
- But as a general matter, you agree that
- 8 it's appropriate to exclude people who took the
- 9 survey too quickly and those who took too long,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. That is something that's typically done
- 12 in research, but I don't think he went far enough
- 13 in this case.
- Q. Okay. Thank you. And we'll talk a
- 15 little bit later about your criticisms in that
- 16 regard. Thank you, Dr. Hoyer.
- 17 Now, you'd agree that your typical
- 18 process for preparing an academic study is to
- 19 identify a hypothesis you want to test and then to 19 wouldn't have done it. That was not my
- 20 design a study, whether it be a study or
- 21 experiment, to test that hypothesis, right?
- 22 A. Not in all research. That's the way I do

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- 1 research. But there are quantitative researchers 2 that start with the data and then develop a
- 3 hypothesis.
- 4 Q. Yeah. In this case, did you start with a
- 5 hypothesis?
- A. I didn't see a hypothesis. Not that I 6
- 7 can recall.
- 8 Q. You didn't start with a hypothesis and
- 9 then test your results.
- A. Normally, when you test a hypothesis, 10
- 11 there's a literature review that talks about all
- 12 the literature and then come up to a formal
- 13 specific hypothesis. And I did not see that in
- 14 the report.
- 15 Q. You didn't see that in Dr. Simonson's
- 16 report?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. I'm asking, actually, about your process
- 19 in coming up with --
- 20 A. Oh, in my process, I'm sorry.
- 21 Q. Yeah, with your -- in preparing your
- 22 report in this case, did you start with a

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- 1 hypothesis and then test that conclusion?
  - 2 A. No, I did not, because that was not my
  - 3 assignment. I was there to simply review and
  - 4 evaluate Professor Simonson's report, and that's
- 5 not a research study where I'm collecting data to
- 6 test that hypothesis.
- 7 Q. Okay. Thank you.
- 8 You did not conduct a survey in this
- 9 case, right?
- A. Correct. I did not. 10
- 11 Q. Why not?
- 12 A. That was not part of my assignment. And
- 13 a survey typically takes four to six weeks at
- 14 least to conduct, and I had three weeks to produce
- 15 this report.
- Q. So you didn't have enough time to 16
- 17 complete a survey of your own?
- 18 A. Well, even if I had enough time, I
- 20 assignment.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did anyone tell you not to conduct
- 22 a survey in this case?

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A. No.

2 Q. All right.

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- 3 MR. SHEANIN: Counsel -- on that last
- 4 question, I just want to caution you not to get
- 5 into contents of communication between yourself
- 6 and counsel or yourself and your staff.
- 7 MS. DEARBORN: That's completely fine.
- 8 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 9 Q. I want to be clear, in all of my
- 10 questions here today, I'm not attempting to get
- 11 into the substance of conversations between
- 12 yourself and counsel for the Department of
- 13 Justice.
- 14 A. Okay.
- 15 Q. You can set that aside in your answers.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. I do, however, want to understand the
- 18 scope of your assignment. And I think that's an
- 19 appropriate line of questions to ask, subject to
- 20 your counsel's objections.
- 21 So just to be clear, you did not try to
- 22 conduct a survey or an experiment that corrected

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- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
   THE WITNESS: I did not collect any data,
- 3 but I re-analyzed some of Simonson's data to
- 4 support some of my conclusions.
- 5 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 6 Q. And that's -- the data you're identifying
- 7 is the data that Dr. Simonson provided in the
- 8 backup to his report?
- 9 A. Yes. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. Other than what is identified in
- 11 your report, did you do anything else to
- 12 empirically test your conclusions about whether
- 13 the errors in Dr. Simonson's report would impact
- 14 the results?
- 15 A. No, I did not.
- 16 Q. And I think I asked a bad question, so
- 17 let me ask it again.
- Other than what is identified in your
- 19 report, did you do anything to empirically test
- 20 whether Dr. Simonson's -- the errors that you
- 21 identified in Dr. Simonson's report would impact
- 22 his results?

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- 1 any of the errors that you identified in
- 2 Dr. Simonson's report, correct?
- 3 A. I did not conduct a survey.
- 4 Q. Okay. So for example, you didn't conduct
- 5 a survey that asked whether -- strike that.
- 6 In preparing your opinions in this case,
- 7 did you do anything to empirically test how the
- 8 errors you identified, if corrected, would impact
- 9 the results that he reached?
- 10 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Could you clarify about
- 12 what you mean empirically test?
- 13 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 14 Q. Well, what does the word "empirically"
- 15 mean to you?
- 16 A. It means collect data.
- 17 Q. So using that definition, in preparing
- 18 your opinions in this case, did you do anything to
- 19 empirically test how the errors that you
- 20 identified in Dr. Simonson's report, if they were
- 21 corrected, would impact the results that he
- 22 reached?

1 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.

- THE WITNESS: No, I did not collect any
- 3 additional data.
- 4 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 5 Q. Okay. This might be implicit in your
- 6 prior answers, but let me just ask anyway.
- 7 In preparing to -- your report in this
- 8 case, did you talk to any advertisers?
- 9 A. No, I did not.
- 10 Q. Did you gather any information from
- 11 advertisers or advertising agencies?
- 12 A. No, I did not.
- 13 Q. Is it fair to say that you restricted
- 14 your analysis to the data that Dr. Simonson
- 15 collected?
- 16 A. I -- well, what he collected, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Do you have any experience
- 18 purchasing digital advertising?
- 19 A. No. My expertise is in survey
- 20 methodology and consumer behavior.
- 21 Q. Okay. Do you have any experience using
- 22 ad tech tools?

Page 26 A. I do not. Again, my expertise is in

- 2 survey methodology and consumer behavior. And
- 3 marketing communications.
- 4 Q. Have you ever conducted a survey of
- 5 advertisers before?
- 6 A. Of advertising?
- 7 Q. Uh-huh. Advertisers.
- 8 A. Advertisers? As -- do you mean them as
- 9 the sample?
- 10 Q. Yes.

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- 11 A. No, I have not.
- 12 Q. Okay. Would you agree that vendor or
- 13 advertiser decisionmaking processes might be
- 14 different from consumer decisionmaking processes?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: My assignment was not to
- 17 evaluate the decision process. It was to evaluate
- 18 questions asked of advertisers. And questions,
- 19 survey methodology, the -- the basic principles
- 20 are the same across any target --
- 21 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 22 Q. Okay.

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- A. -- audience.
- 2 Q. How many surveys have you prepared for
- 3 litigation purposes?
- 4 A. Three. Actually, I've done a fourth one,
- 5 but that's currently ongoing, and my report was
- 6 just submitted and I can't talk about that.
- 7 Q. Can you describe at a high level what the
- 8 subject matter of that survey is?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: I'm going to caution you
- 10 that if it's something that's confidential, you
- 11 should not disclose anything that would violate
- 12 any kind of confidentiality.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I can only tell you the
- 14 topic. It's on understanding -- for credit
- 15 union -- customers understanding credit union
- 16 terms for their account.
- 17 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 18 Q. Okay. And how many surveys have you
- 19 conducted outside of the litigation context?
- A. Hundreds.
- Q. Okay. Of all the surveys that you've
- 22 conducted, what percentage, approximately, would

1 be of consumers?

- 2 A. I would have to -- I don't have my --
- 3 I've done hundreds of studies. I don't have
- 4 every -- the large majority.
- 5 Q. Large majority would be of consumers?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay. And is it fair to say that, in the
- 8 litigation context, your surveys are usually in
- 9 the subject of likelihood of confusion in
- 10 trademark cases?
- 11 A. Not always. One of my surveys was on
- 12 deceptive advertising.
- 13 Q. Okay. But all of your surveys have
- 14 been -- have pertained to whether -- strike that.
- 15 All of your surveys have pertained to --
- 16 have surveyed the population of consumers, right?
- 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 19 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 20 Q. You're not an expert in advertiser
- 21 decisionmaking, right?
- A. Can you define that term?

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- 1 Q. Well, you know what the phrase "consumer
- 2 decisionmaking" means, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you would agree that advertisers
- 5 might use different processes to come to decisions
- 6 or take different things into consideration when
- 7 making decisions than consumers, right?
- 8 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I do, in my class, talk
- 10 about decisions that advertisers need to make in
- 11 their advertising strategy.
- 12 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 13 Q. Okay. So would you characterize yourself
- 14 as an expert in advertiser decisionmaking?
- 15 A. I would classify myself as an expert in
- 16 advertising and marketing communications.
- 17 Q. Okay. How -- would you classify yourself
- 18 as an expert in advertiser decisionmaking?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Again, as I said, I talk
- 21 about factors that go into advertiser
- 22 decisionmaking. I've not done research

1 specifically on how they make decisions.

- 2 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 3 Q. Okay. You have not specifically
- 4 researched how advertisers come to decisions in
- 5 the course of their business, right?
- 6 A. Yes --
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I have general knowledge
- 9 about advertising decisionmaking.
- 10 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 11 Q. But you have not specifically studied how
- 12 advertisers come to decisions, correct?
- 13 A. Right --
- 14 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Yes.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. In this case, would it have been possible
- 18 for you to conduct what you view as a
- 19 methodologically appropriate survey?
- 20 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Again, that was not part of
- 22 my assignment.

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- 1 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 2 Q. Okay. But would it have been possible
- 3 for you to do?
- 4 MR. SHEANIN: Same objection.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Again, that was not part of
- 6 my assignment.
- 7 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 8 Q. That's not my question.
- 9 Would it have been possible for you to
- 10 conduct a methodologically appropriate survey in
- 11 this case?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Theoretically, yes, but
- 14 actually, operationally, no, in the time
- 15 constraint.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. Okay. Do you know Dr. Itamar Simonson?
- 18 A. I do.
- 19 Q. Do you agree that he's an expert in
- 20 marketing?
- A. Yes. He's a well-known expert in
- 22 marketing.

Q. Do you agree that he's an expert in

- 2 behavioral economics?
- 3 A. I would say he is an expert. I am not in
- 4 the area of behavioral economics, but I would
- 5 assume that he is an expert in behavioral
- 6 economics.
- Q. Okay. And you agree that Dr. Simonson is
- 8 qualified to prepare surveys, right?
- 9 A. Yes. He would be.
- 10 Q. And he's also qualified to interpret
- 11 their results?
- 12 A. Yes, he is.
- 13 Q. So you're not critiquing him for straying
- 14 beyond the bounds of his expertise, right?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not criticizing him
- 17 on those grounds.
- 18 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 19 Q. Okay. And you agree that he's qualified
- 20 to prepare the report that he submitted in this
- 21 case?
- A. He's qualified, but he did make flaws.

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- 1 There are flaws in his report.
- 2 Q. Okay. You may disagree with his
- 3 conclusions or the way that he conducted his
- 4 report --
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. -- but you don't think he is unqualified
- 7 to offer these opinions, right?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 10 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 11 Q. All right. Have you ever worked together
- 12 with Dr. Simonson?
- 13 A. I have not worked on research with him,
- 14 but we were on a trip together in China.
- 15 Q. When was that?
- 16 A. 2002.
- 17 Q. Have you co-authored any papers with
- 18 Dr. Simonson?
- 19 A. No, I have not.
- Q. Have you ever evaluated Dr. Simonson's
- 21 work before?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I have read his work. But
- 2 in my extensive reviewing -- well, the review
- 3 process is blind, so I can't tell you whether I
- 4 have or not. It's possible, but I don't know.
- 5 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Fair. So to your knowledge, you haven't
- 7 reviewed Dr. Simonson's work before?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes. To my knowledge, I
- 10 have not.
- 11 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Okay. What is your assessment of
- 13 Dr. Simonson's research record, as a general
- 14 matter?
- 15 A. He's a well-respected researcher.
- Q. How, if at all, do your areas of
- 17 expertise differ from those of Dr. Simonson?
- A. The biggest one is I'm a psychologist,
- 19 and he's a behavioral economist. And I actually
- 20 have a gripe against behavioral economists.
- 21 Things they're saying now, we were saying 30 years
- 22 ago, and they've just discovered it and acting

- 1 psychologist, so I'm interested in how people
  - 2 think and process information. So advertising
  - 3 information processing would be when a consumer --

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- 4 and actually, it's broader, any kind of marketing
- 5 communication, when they see some kind of
- 6 communication, how do they process it in their
- 7 mind and does it affect their behavior?
- Q. You've said a couple of times that you're
- 9 a consumer psychologist.
- 10 What does that mean?
- 11 A. My Ph.D. is in psychology. So I studied
- 12 under one of the most famous consumer
- 13 psychologists, Jacob Jacoby. It was at Purdue
- 14 University, where I worked under him in my Ph.D.
- 15 But I have a degree, Ph.D., in
- 16 psychology.
- 17 Q. Okay. Are you an expert in the ad tech
- 18 industry?
- 19 A. No, I'm not.
- 20 Q. Have you ever conducted a survey
- 21 involving ad tech in any way before?
- 22 A. No. I have not.

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- Page 37 1 Q. And when I -- I should have clarified.
- 2 Do you understand what the term "ad tech"
- 3 means?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. What is your understanding of that term?
- A. Ad tech is the different tools to buy 6
- 7 advertising for display -- programmatic display
- 8 advertising.
- Q. Okay. And again, you've never conducted 9
- 10 a survey of advertisers before, right?
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered.
- 12 THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- 13 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Outside of your work on this case, had
- 15 you ever heard of Advertiser Perceptions before?
- 16 A. You mean the firm?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. So the first time you heard of Advertiser
- 20 Perceptions was in connection with this
- 21 litigation?
- 22 A. That's correct.

1 like it's a new discovery. And we were saying

2 that -- I've done work in the '80s that people are

- 3 now doing the same thing and saying, wow, this is
- 4 new. And that's not true.
- Q. So your gripe against behavioral
- 6 economists is not that they are somehow wrong;
- 7 it's that they're doing something that you have
- 8 been doing for a long time?
- A. Yeah. For example, the book by Daniel
- 10 Kahneman, Think Fast --
- 11 Q. Thinking, Fast and Slow?
- 12 A. I was talking about those things in early
- 13 1980s.
- Q. Got it. In paragraph 1 of your report,
- 15 you indicate that your research areas including
- 16 branding, including brand personality and brand
- 17 sabotage, advertising information processing, and
- 18 cause-related marketing, right?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What is advertising information
- 21 processing?
- 22 A. That is -- again, I'm a consumer

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Q. Okay. And I believe earlier, when we

- 2 spoke about the use of a panel or rely -- or a
- 3 third-party company to assemble a panel of
- 4 respondents, you said that that's common in the
- 5 industry?

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- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 Q. So have you relied on companies to
- 8 assemble a panel of respondents for you in surveys
- 9 that you've conducted in the past?
- 10 A. Yes, I have.
- 11 Q. How often have you done that?
- 12 A. Well, on every survey I did.
- 13 Q. Very common, then.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. When you have used a third-party company
- 16 to assemble a panel of respondents, what, if
- 17 anything, have you done to verify how they select
- 18 their panel?
- 19 A. Well, I ask them about the details, and
- 20 then I carefully look at what samples have
- 21 resulted from those.
- Q. How do you confirm that the panel was

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  1 Q. So you compared the percentage of owners
  - 2 of the vehicles to the total population and --
  - 3 A. No. It was in the population of people
  - 4 that bought the GM vehicles. So there were
  - 5 different models. Okay? And in the population,
  - 6 there were X percent that owned one type of
  - 7 vehicle, X percent owned another type of vehicle,
  - 8 and those same percentages were in the panel.
  - 9 Q. Got it. So you confirmed that the panel
  - 10 that you had assembled had approximately the same
  - 11 distribution of vehicle ownership --
  - 12 A. Correct.
  - 13 Q. -- as the general population?
  - 14 A. Yes, that's correct.
  - 15 Q. Is there anything else that you did to
  - 16 verify the representativeness of the panel that
  - 17 you used in that example?
  - 18 A. I carefully evaluated the sample, but
  - 19 it's been a while so I don't remember the details.
  - 20 Q. And is that your general practice, to
  - 21 essentially compare the percentage of the --
  - 22 strike that.

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- 1 representative of the population that you're
- 2 seeking to study?
- 3 A. Well, typically, for example, in my
- 4 surveys, one of my surveys -- it was for General
- 5 Motors, and the panel -- or the respondents had to
- 6 be owners of a particular set of vehicles during a
- 7 time frame.
- 8 And so I carefully cross-checked that
- 9 data against the -- what the percentage was in the
- 10 population versus what the percentage was in my
- 11 panel.
- 12 Q. And in that example, you're
- 13 cross-checking the percentage of your panel that
- 14 were owners of a particular set of vehicles
- 15 against the general population?
- 16 A. Well, not the general population. The
- 17 subject of the survey was owners of those vehicles
- 18 during a very specific period.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- A. And so I had data on how many there were
- 21 of those of the total population and then how many
- 22 were in the sample.

Is that your -- was the example -- was

- 2 the process that you used in that example your
- 3 general practice in terms of verifying the
- 4 representativeness of a panel?
- 5 A. Yes. So for example, another survey I
- 6 just did, the sample population were in different
- 7 states -- 95 percent were in Alabama, 2 percent
- 8 were in Texas, and some percent in Florida -- and
- 9 I got a panel and I carefully evaluated that there
- 10 were the same percentages of respondents in the
- 11 sample as in those states.
- 12 Q. Okay. Other than verifying that the
- 13 population that you are sampling has approximately
- 14 the same percentage of a key attribute as the
- 15 general population, is there anything else that
- 16 you do, typically, to evaluate a panel for a
- 17 survey that you're conducting?
- 18 A. Well --
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: My example is to give --
- 21 usually, it's multiple things; it's not just one
- 22 thing. So it would be you want the right

- 1 proportion of men to women, the right proportion
- 2 of -- it depends on the survey. But in my one
- 3 survey I was just talking about, they had to be
- 4 customers of a credit union. So if they were not
- 5 customers of a credit union, then they were not
- 6 included in the sample.
- 7 So we had to make sure -- we give the
- 8 panel -- the person who runs the panel and their
- 9 company specific criteria that they have to meet
- 10 for the sample.
- 11 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 12 Q. Right. And I'm trying to get at your
- 13 typical practice for --
- 14 A. Right. That's the typical practice.
- 15 Q. Okay. Let me just -- I'll finish my
- 16 question and you can finish your answer.
- 17 So is your typical practice to give the
- 18 company that you're using to assemble a panel
- 19 criteria that they have to meet for the sample in
- 20 terms of percentage of distribution of what you're
- 21 trying to study?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.

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- 1 representative of the target population to which
- 2 I'm trying to draw conclusions.
- 3 Q. And I'm trying to get at your process for
- 4 determining representativeness.
- 5 A. Right.
- 6 Q. So your -- when you attempt to ensure
- 7 that your survey population is representative and
- 8 you are relying on a third party, another company,
- 9 to do that for you, we've talked about checking to
- 10 ensure that the percentages of the target
- 11 population that you're sampling are approximately
- 12 the same on a key attribute that you're attempting
- 13 to measure.
- 14 Is there anything else that you do to
- 15 ensure that the survey population that you have
- 16 created or that the company has created is
- 17 representative?
- 18 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: The process is simply to
- 20 make sure, on all the key criteria, to qualify
- 21 them. And it can be demographics, but it can also
- 22 be, as I said, user of the product or whatever.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes, except they don't
- 2 assemble a panel. They have a panel.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 O. Okay.
- 5 A. So they might have 130,000 people in that
- 6 panel, and you want to systematically select those
- 7 that meet your target from that panel.
- 8 Q. Okay. Is there anything else you do to
- 9 verify the representativeness of a panel that you
- 10 are assembling for a survey?
- 11 A. Well, the process is very thorough, to
- 12 make sure that they match the target population.
- 13 Q. The process is very thorough for the
- 14 company that you're relying on to assemble the
- 15 panel?
- 16 A. For them and for me.
- 17 Q. You say for them and for you.
- 18 What do you mean?
- 19 A. If I'm doing a litigation survey, one of
- 20 the most important aspects is to have a
- 21 representative sample. And so I'm very cautious
- 22 and very thorough in making sure that my sample is

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  1 We're very thorough to make sure we -- "we," I
- 2 mean the panel company with myself working with
- 3 them -- to make sure that that sample is
- 4 representative.
- 5 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 6 Q. Okay. I'd like to turn your attention to
- 7 paragraph 64 of your report.
- 8 In this paragraph you use the acronym AP.
- 9 That stands for Advertiser Perceptions,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you do anything yourself to test the
- 13 quality of Advertiser Perceptions' panels?
- 14 A. Could you clarify what you mean by that?
- 15 Q. Sure. So you understand that
- 16 Advertiser Perceptions has something calls the
- 17 AdPROs panel?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What do you understand the AdPROs panel
- 20 to consist of?
- A. Well, my understanding is it's a
- 22 specialized company that has advertising

Page 46 1 respondents for a situation like this, when you

- 2 want to survey advertisers.
- 3 Q. Okay. Did you do anything yourself to
- 4 test the quality of the Advertiser Perceptions
- 5 AdPROs panel?
- 6 A. I didn't have the -- I did not do
- 7 anything specifically, but there wasn't data in
- 8 the report for me -- to allow me to do that.
- 9 Q. But you didn't talk to anyone in
- 10 Advertiser Perceptions, for example?
- 11 A. No, I did not.
- 12 Q. Did you do any research into
- 13 Advertiser Perceptions apart from what is in
- 14 Dr. Simonson's report?
- 15 A. No, I did not.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did you do any investigation
- 17 yourself to ascertain the quality of
- 18 Advertiser Perceptions' methodology for assembling
- 19 a panel?
- A. No, because it wasn't germane to my
- 21 opinion. My opinion was more on the result of
- 22 what they did than what was in the report.

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- Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to question
- 2 the quality of Advertiser Perceptions' AdPROs
- 3 panel?
- 4 A. Well, there is a cite in my report. If
- 5 you look at 105 footnote on that page.
- 6 Q. Yeah. That's one internal Google
- 7 document?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Who gave you that document? The
- 10 answer -- question is who?
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: That's fine.
- 12 THE WITNESS: It was provided to me by
- 13 Brattle. And I don't know where they got it.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. Did you investigate whether anyone at
- 16 Google had said positive things about
- 17 Advertiser Perceptions?
- 18 A. I did not.
- 19 Q. Did you ask for documents in which Google
- 20 said positive things about Advertiser Perceptions?
- 21 A. My major -- I was not having a major --
- 22 the point of that what not to make a major

1 criticism of Ad Perceptions, and that's not

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- 2 central to my opinions.
- 3 My opinions are more based on what the
- 4 sample was, not the process that they went
- 5 through.
- 6 Q. Okay. So your opinion -- it's not your
- 7 opinion that Advertiser Perceptions is an
- 8 unreliable company.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And it's not your opinion that
- 11 Advertiser Perceptions has any methodological
- 12 problem in assembling the panel of respondents --
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. -- for --
- 16 A. That's correct. I'm not criticizing
- 17 Ad Perceptions.
- 18 Q. Okay. Are you aware that Google has
- 19 relied on Advertiser Perceptions for other
- 20 surveys?
- A. In that memo they talk about that they've
- 22 used them. Yes.

Q. Okay. And did you see the citation to

- 2 other Advertiser Perceptions surveys in
- 3 Dr. Simonson's report?
- 4 A. I'm sure I did, but I don't recall.
- 5 Q. Okay. Did you review the other surveys
- 6 that Advertiser Perceptions has done in
- 7 preparation of your report?
- 8 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: No. As I said, that's not
- 10 a critical part of my opinion, anything about
- 11 Ad Perceptions.
- 12 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 13 Q. Okay. So you don't think it was
- 14 inappropriate for Dr. Simonson to rely on
- 15 Advertiser Perceptions in this case?
- 16 A. No, I do not.
- 17 Q. Okay. Let's go to section III.E in your
- 18 report, please, which begins on page 62.
- 19 In paragraph 105, you have a sentence --
- 20 you begin that paragraph with the phrase "I
- 21 understand."
- 22 Do you see that?

- 1 Q. So that would have been methodologically
- 2 appropriate but not informing survey respondents
- 3 and giving them the opportunity to opt out?
- A. I would ask that question before. It's a
- 5 different issue. First of all, you want to know
- 6 are they aware of it. And then you want -- if
- 7 they are aware who it was, and they get that
- 8 correct, then you exclude them. Then you ask
- 9 and -- reveal the sponsor of the survey and see if
- 10 they have a problem with it. That's -- so it's a
- 11 different issue.
- 12 Q. I'm sorry. I just want to understand
- 13 your testimony.
- 14 You said, first of all, you want to know
- 15 if they're aware of it. And then, if they are
- 16 aware, who it was. And if they get that correct,
- 17 then you exclude them. Then you ask and reveal
- 18 the sponsor of the survey and see if they have a
- 19 problem with it.
- Are you saying that, at the end of the
- 21 survey, Dr. Simonson should have first asked
- 22 respondents to guess the sponsor of the survey and

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- 1 then they would be told the sponsor of the survey?
- 2 A. I'm saying they're separate issues.
- 3 Q. I see.
- 4 A. I'm saying standard practice in survey
- 5 research is to ask the -- what do you think the
- 6 purpose of the survey was? Or you could ask two
- 7 questions, who do you -- a lot of times in
- 8 academic research, there is no sponsor, so you
- 9 ask, what was the purpose of the survey? But if
- 10 there is a sponsor, then you ask specifically, who
- 11 was the sponsor of the survey? And then if they
- 12 say, it was Google for their antitrust litigation,
- 13 you eliminate their responses.
- 14 That's independent of the issue do you
- 15 reveal -- you could do that and not ever reveal
- 16 the sponsor.
- 17 Q. I see. So I think I understand your
- 18 testimony.
- 19 In your view, it would have been
- 20 appropriate for Dr. Simonson to ask respondents
- 21 who they thought the sponsor of the survey was and
- 22 its purpose, and if they answered correctly, then

1 to exclude their answers, correct?

- 2 A. Yes. Correct.
- 3 Q. And what you take issue with is
- 4 Dr. Simonson's choice to tell respondents the
- 5 sponsor of the survey and its purpose and then
- 6 allow themselves to opt out, right?
- A. I don't take issue with him telling the
- 8 sponsor of the survey. My concern is that it
- 9 eliminates a substantial number of people, and its
- 10 systematic exclusion, and that questions the
- 11 reliability of the sample.
- 12 Q. So you think fewer people would opt out
- 13 if asked to guess about the sponsor of the survey
- 14 and its purpose than would opt out if told?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Again, they're separate
- 17 issues. I'm wanting to know on their own if they
- 18 answered this. And it could happen to anybody in
- 19 the sample. They could be -- people read the
- 20 New York Times, they read the news, could be
- 21 aware, even in the sample as it stands right now.
- 22 And you just -- I think you need to assess are

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- 1 people aware of the issues -- who is sponsoring
- 2 this survey, and if they are, that could bias
- 3 their responses, so you would want to exclude
- 4 them.
- 5 That's totally separate from the issue
- 6 of, for whatever reason, tell them who the sponsor
- 7 is and decide if they want to opt out of having
- 8 their responses included.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. You're aware that survey respondents were
- 11 only told of the survey sponsor and purpose at the
- 12 very end of the survey, right?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. After they had already answered all the
- 15 questions?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. And that the back button on their browser
- 18 was disabled such that no answers could be changed
- 19 after the respondents learned the sponsor of the
- 20 survey and its purpose?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. How would learning the survey sponsor

Page 258 1 after completing all of the survey responses

- 2 change the results that respondents gave
- 3 beforehand?
- A. I'm not saying that at all. I don't take
- 5 issue with them revealing sponsor at the end, and
- 6 it does not change their responses. It alters the
- 7 nature of the sample because a significant number
- 8 of people opted out.
- So it has nothing to do with the
- 10 reliability of their responses prior to that.
- 11 It's simply what happened as a result of that,
- 12 that revealing.
- 13 Q. Would you agree that a survey is blind if
- 14 survey respondents are unaware of the sponsor
- 15 while they're answering questions?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So in that way, Dr. Simonson's survey was
- 18 blind, right?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: It was blind in design.
- 21 Yes.
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- 1 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that 2
- 3 survey respondents were aware of the survey
- 4 sponsor as they answered questions?
- 5 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- THE WITNESS: I have no data on that.
- 7 It's possible, but there's no data -- if he had
- 8 asked that question at the end, we could know.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Are you aware that there is some research 10
- 11 that has found that identifying the survey
- 12 sponsor, even while respondents are answering
- 13 questions, has no meaningful effect on survey
- 14 responses?
- 15 A. That's -- there could be isolated
- 16 incidences, but based -- you know, particularly
- 17 Diamond cites this. There can be an instance
- 18 where you might reveal it, but the general
- 19 practice -- the most important practice is to have 19 indicates that there's some concern about perhaps
- 20 a double blind survey.
- 21 Q. Despite the fact that it might be
- 22 standard practice to have a blind survey, are you 22 of Google ad tools, concerning about some --

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- 1 aware of research that has found that there is no
- 2 effect of disclosure of a survey sponsor on the
- 3 results of a survey?
- 4 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- THE WITNESS: I can't cite any specific
- 6 articles, but that's contextual. It depends how
- 7 charged the questions are. There clearly was an
- 8 issue here because such a substantial -- a large
- 9 number of people opted out, that they were very
- 10 concerned that Google was the sponsor or they
- 11 wouldn't have opted out of the survey. After
- 12 going through all that, answering 39 questions and
- 13 then deciding to have them excluded, there was a
- 14 clear concern from those respondents.
- 15 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Have you conducted any experiments to
- 17 determine the effect of disclosure of sponsorship
- 18 on survey responses?
- 19 A. I have not.
- 20 Q. Have you conducted any experiments to
- 21 determine the effects of disclosure of a survey's
- 22 purpose on respondents to a survey?

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- A. Generally -- I have not, but that's not a
- 2 topic I've seen anybody -- that's not something we
- 3 do. It's standard practice we do not reveal the
- 4 sponsor or the purpose of the survey.
- 5 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 6 the individuals who opted out of having their
- 7 survey responses included in the final results
- 8 would have answered Dr. Simonson's questions
- 9 differently from the eventual survey respondents?
- MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Well, as I say in my
- 12 report, it's not systematic -- I mean, it is
- 13 systematic exclusion if it was random, just people
- 14 randomly.
- 15 But specifically, my hypothesis is -- and
- 16 I don't have data to support, other than the
- 17 incidence of opting out was 50 percent higher in
- 18 the high spend advertising survey. And that
- 20 Google getting their answers or knowing what they
- 21 answered. And particularly if they're heavy users

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- 1 what -- that effect Google -- you know, would
- 2 Google come after them, whatever.
- 3 I don't have hard-core evidence, but
- 4 based on those different percentages, that seems
- 5 to be consistent with that view.
- 6 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 7 Q. Okay. You don't have hard -- you said
- 8 you don't have hard-core evidence.
- 9 A. I don't have actual data on those
- 10 respondents.
- 11 Q. Okay. You don't have data that would
- 12 suggest that people who answered -- strike that.
- 13 You don't have data that would suggest
- 14 that people who opted out of having their survey
- 15 responses included in the final results would have
- 16 answered differently --
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. -- from the eventual survey population,
- 19 right?
- 20 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I do not because
- 22 Simonson does not provide -- I assume he destroyed

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Okay. Now, in one of your prior answers,
- 3 you said that survey respondents might be
- 4 concerned that Google would come after them for
- 5 their responses, right?
- 6 A. I may not have used those exact words,
- 7 but something to that effect.
- 8 Q. Okay. You're aware that the survey
- 9 respondents' identities were kept confidential,
- 10 right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So what's your basis for thinking that
- 13 Google could retaliate against survey respondents
- 14 in the way that you suggest?
- 15 A. I'm not saying Google would. And you're
- 16 right, they don't know who -- but why were they
- 17 concerned? You have a group -- the hard-core
- 18 evidence is you have a significant percentage of
- 19 people who, when they found out Google was the
- 20 sponsor and it related to the antitrust
- 21 litigation, they wanted out, even after taking the
- 22 time to fill out the questionnaire.

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- 1 that data and does not have that data, because
- 2 they asked to have it excluded.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 Q. You say you assume that he destroyed that
- 5 data.
- 6 Do you know one way or the other?
- 7 A. I don't, but he should have.
- 8 Q. Okay. Once survey respondents opted out
- 9 of having their survey responses included in the
- 10 final results, it was appropriate for Dr. Simonson
- 11 not to look at those responses any further, right?
- 12 A. Absolutely.
- 13 Q. And it was appropriate for him not to
- 14 include them in his final report, right?
- 15 A. Absolutely.
- 16 Q. Because doing otherwise would have broken
- 17 a promise.
- 18 A. Absolutely.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, you said that the number of
- 20 individuals who opted out in the higher spend
- 21 survey was higher than in the lower spend survey.
- 22 Is that the case?

- There has to be a reason. It's not
- 2 random.

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- 3 Q. You say there has to be a reason. But
- 4 you didn't test it, because you couldn't, right?
- 5 A. Right. I couldn't.
- 6 Q. Right.
- 7 A. There's no data. There's no open-ended
- 8 responses, why did you opt out?
- 9 Q. But you didn't, for example, conduct a
- 10 survey where you did not give survey respondents
- 11 the ability to opt out and see whether the results
- 12 would be any different.
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: No. As I said, I've not
- 15 done any other surveys.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. Okay. How would a respondent to these
- 18 surveys know whether the answers were good for
- 19 Google or bad for Google?
- A. I can't speculate, but all I can say is
- 21 they had some reason to opt out of that survey.
- Q. Well, you do speculate in your report in

1 paragraph 83, don't you?

- 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, we just said this a
- 4 minute ago.
- 5 BY MS. DEARBORN:

6 Q. Right. You say, "

"

- 12 That's what you wrote, right?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And you're just speculating as to why
- 15 respondents might have opted out, right?
- 16 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes. Because it's
- 18 systematic. It's not random -- a random response.
- 19 They were specifically told something. And for a
- 20 significant number of people, they decided to
- 21 behave in a certain way, a consistent manner. So
- 22 there has to be some reason for it.

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- 1 Whether my reason is correct or not is
- 2 not the issue. The issue is there was a concern
- 3 that -- when they found out that Google had
- 4 sponsored the survey.
- 5 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 6 Q. But the reasons for opting out in
- 7 paragraph 83, that's just your speculation,
- 8 correct?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 12 Q. Why would a respondent think that their
- 13 answers would harm Google in a survey that Google
- 14 sponsored --
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. -- as you suggest here in paragraph 83?
- 18 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Again, as you said, I'm
- 20 speculating, but perhaps they are users of Google
- 21 tools, Google Ads, and that Google might charge
- 22 them a higher -- I don't know what they were

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- 1 thinking. I can only speculate. But there
- 2 clearly was a reason.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 Q. But again, you haven't tested what that
- 5 reason might be?
- 6 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
  - THE WITNESS: No, I have not.
- 8 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 9 Q. Okay. We took a little bit of a detour
- 10 away from the no-contact list, so let's go back to
- 11 Exhibit [sic] I, please.
- 12 A. Okay.

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- 13 Q. I'd like you to assume with me for a
- 14 moment that Dr. Simonson could not conduct a
- 15 survey that contacted the individuals in
- 16 appendix I. Just posit that.
- 17 A. Okay.
- 18 Q. That he had a valid reason for doing
- 19 that.
- A. Okay.
- Q. Is it your opinion that it is impossible
- 22 to conduct a reliable survey of advertisers while

- 1 also excluding the entities in appendix I?
- 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Of this magnitude, yes.
- 4 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 5 Q. So you think no survey could have been
- 6 done in this case that would have been
- 7 methodologically sound if it was required that the
- 8 entities in appendix I be excluded?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 10 THE WITNESS: If -- under that
- 11 assumption. But as I said before, it would be
- 12 possible. You take one example, Walt Disney
- 13 Company. How many thousands of people work for
- is company, its winding anoughing of people works
- 14 Walt Disney Company? Is every single person in
- 15 that company aware of these issues?
- 16 I still think you could -- I think it was
- 17 a bad decision to exclude all these companies.
- 18 And -- but what you would do is ask the questions
- 19 about "do you know who the sponsor of this survey
- 20 is" at the end. And if they're not, then it's
- 21 fine to have them in the survey.
- 22

1 BY MS. DEARBORN:

- Q. Okay. I think that there's two separate
- 3 things going on here. Right? One is the
- 4 informed -- the fact that Dr. Simonson informed
- 5 respondents at the end of the survey as to its
- 6 sponsor and its purpose?
- A. That's a different -- totally different
- 8 issue.
- 9 Q. Right. So I'm asking a much more narrow
- 10 question, which is, do you think no survey could
- 11 have been done in this case --
- 12 A. The --
- 13 Q. -- if it excluded the entities on
- 14 appendix I?
- 15 A. If you excluded them, yes, you could not
- 16 get a representative sample. But I'm saying
- 17 that -- is it impossible to do a survey? You
- 18 could, under the conditions I mentioned.
- Q. Okay. So -- but in your example, you 19
- 20 would contact all of these individuals in
- 21 appendix I. You would just then ask them to guess
- 22 about the survey's respondents or --

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- 1 Q. All right. Well, you understand
- 2 Dr. Simonson was surveying advertisers, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You understand that Dr. Simonson was not
- 5 conducting a survey of website publishers, right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- Q. Does appendix I include website
- 8 publishers?
- 9 A. I don't remember, to be honest.
- 10 Yes.
- Q. And you understand that Dr. Simonson was 11
- 12 not conducting a survey of ad tech providers,
- 13 right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Does appendix I include ad tech
- 16 providers?
- 17 A. I don't remember specifically.
- 18 Q. If you need to refresh your recollection,
- 19 you can look at page 1.
- 20 A. Page 1 of?
- 21 Q. Of appendix I.
- 22 A. Okay. And your question is?

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- A. Well, I wouldn't contact all of them. I 1
- 2 would have a representative sample that included
- 3 these, possibly.

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- 4 Q. I see. Again, in your view, it was
- 5 impossible to do a survey in this case if
- 6 Dr. Simonson couldn't --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- contact the individuals in appendix I.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. Now, one of the excluded companies
- 11 in appendix I is Google's parent company,
- 12 Alphabet, right?
- A. Yes. 13
- 14 Q. You point this out in your report.
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you saying Google should have 16
- 17 surveyed its own parent company?
- 18 A. No, I'm not saying that. But I'm saying
- 19 eliminating 580 companies is not necessary.
- 20 Q. Okay. Well, he didn't really eliminate
- 21 580 companies, did he, Dr. Hoyer?
- 22 A. That was my understanding, it was 580.

Q. Does appendix I, the no-contact list,

- 2 include ad tech providers?
- 3 A. Yes, it does.
- Q. Okay. And it was not erroneous for 4
- 5 Dr. Simonson to exclude publishers or ad tech
- 6 providers from his survey population, right?
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: No, it was not.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Right. Because he was surveying
- 11 advertisers --
- A. Right. 12
- Q. -- right? 13
- 14 So he didn't exclude 580 companies from
- 15 his survey population, did he?
- A. I would have to go back and see how those 16
- 17 numbers were calculated. But the key issue is not
- 18 so much the number as the amount of revenue and
- 19 the amount of advertising that is done on ad tools
- 20 by the companies that -- by companies that were
- 21 excluded.
- 22 Q. Okay. How many advertisers did

- 1 Dr. Simonson exclude because they're listed in
- 2 appendix I?
- 3 A. I believe there was 580. I'd have to go
- 4 back and check the numbers.
- 5 Q. Well, 580 includes ad tech providers and
- 6 publishers, though, right?
- A. I'm not sure. I don't remember. There
- 8 are, like, 580 in this table.
- 9 Q. Where did that number, 580, in your
- 10 report --
- 11 A. I asked --
- 12 Q. -- come from?
- 13 A. -- Brattle to calculate that for me.
- 14 Q. And what instructions did you give
- 15 Brattle to come up with the number 580?
- 16 A. To find out that -- the number of
- 17 advertising companies that were excluded.
- 18 Q. So you think 580 is the number of
- 19 advertising companies that were excluded from the
- 20 survey?
- A. As I said, I'd have to go back and check.
- 22 Q. Okay. If it's significantly smaller than

- 1 other number.
- 2 And, you know, if you look at that
- 3 paragraph where that is quoted, there's a lot
- 4 of -- you know, it really adds to the
- 5 unrepresentativeness of the sample.
- 6 Q. Have you done any analysis as to whether
- 7 the results of Dr. Simonson's surveys would change

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- 8 if the excluded companies in appendix I were, in
- 9 fact, included in the survey population?
- 10 A. I have not done that.
- 11 Q. Do you have a basis one way or the other
- 12 to opine as to the direction in which inclusion of
- 13 those individuals in the survey population would
- 14 have impacted the results?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 16 Foundation.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Showing that your sample is
- 18 representative is his responsibility, not mine.
- 19 He should have shown that there were no
- 20 differences or that that is a valid sample.
- He has provided, as far as I can see, no
- 22 evidence that his sample is representative of the

- 1 580, would that surprise you?
- 2 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: It would surprise me. But
- 4 again, the key issue is the amount of spending
- 5 that occurred. It's still a very significant
- 6 number that were excluded. And the amount of
- 7 revenue that -- Google's own revenue that comes
- 8 from those companies is substantial.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Okay. If the number 580 includes all of
- 11 the entities here in Exhibit I -- or, sorry, in
- 12 appendix I and is not advertisers, do you want to
- 13 revise your report?
- 14 A. It doesn't change my opinion.
- 15 Q. Would you like to revise that number in
- 16 your report?
- 17 A. If -- given the opportunity, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. But still the key conclusion is, for
- 20 example, 9 of the top 15 whales, which are the
- 21 largest ad spenders on Google Ads, were excluded.
- 22 That's significant, independent of 580 or any

- 1 population.
- 2 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Okay. Now, in previous surveys that you
- 4 have conducted, you have excluded certain members
- 5 of populations because you weren't able to contact
- 6 them for one reason or another, right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Right. So in the credit union case that
- 9 you just mentioned, you excluded any respondents
- 10 who were a current member of the credit union,
- 11 right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. Did you think the exclusion of members of
- 16 the credit union created a bias in your survey?
- 17 A. The population we were representing or
- 18 trying to generalize to were potential credit
- 19 union members. And so that's what we had. We had
- 20 a sample, representative sample, of credit union
- 21 members.
- 22 Q. Got it.

- 1 MR. SHEANIN: And can I just say -- I
- 2 just, again, want to caution you not to go into
- 3 anything that would revel confidential information
- 4 in that matter.
- 5 MS. DEARBORN: To set Dr. Hoyer's mind at
- 6 ease, the report is publicly available.
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Okay.
- 8 MS. DEARBORN: So I don't think there's
- 9 confidentiality concern here.
- 10 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 11 Q. But of course I'm not asking you to
- 12 violate your -- any confidentiality obligations
- 13 that you're under, but I'm asking questions to
- 14 which I believe the answers are public knowledge.
- 15 A. Well, there was a reason for that, and
- 16 the reason was we were testing a language of
- 17 Vistar's agreement that, when people signed up for
- 18 an account, they had to read that and understand
- 19 the terms of that account. And people who are
- 20 already members have already seen that account,
- 21 and that doesn't give an indication of how well
- 22 new members would understand that language.
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- 1 MR. SHEANIN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: So that's how we...
- 3 MR. SHEANIN: I'd remind you to only
- 4 respond to questions that were actually on the
- 5 table and posed to you, and I don't believe there
- 6 was one posed to you at that point.
- 7 MS. DEARBORN: And I would request that
- 8 counsel not coach the witness.
- 9 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 10 Q. Okay. You've conducted surveys of
- 11 purchasers of MP3s.
- Do you recall that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And when you conducted a survey of
- 15 consumers who purchased MP3s, you excluded from
- 16 your survey population any individuals under the
- 17 age of 18, right?
- 18 A. Which study are you referring to? I
- 19 remember vaguely, but I don't have a detailed
- 20 memory of that.
- Q. It's a 2020 study that you did on MP3
- 22 purchasing.

- Page 280 A. Do you have the reference for it so I
- 2 can --

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- 3 Q. I don't, unfortunately.
- 4 It's a -- well, I have a study that you
- 5 published in the Journal of the Academy
- 6 of Marketing Science.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. Does that jog your memory?
- 9 A. No. I have had about 15 articles, or --
- 10 Q. Okay. I'll ask it more generally.
- When you conduct surveys, as a general
- 12 matter, it's usually appropriate to exclude
- 13 minors, right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And -- but minors make purchasing
- 16 decisions, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Does the exclusion of minors from survey
- 19 populations make the surveys any less reliable?
- 20 A. It depends on what type of survey you're
- 21 talking about. If it's an academic study, we
- 22 aren't as concerned about representative [sic] of
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- 1 the sample. If it's a litigation survey where
- 2 you're trying to draw specific conclusions about a
- 3 population, and they are a significant buyer, then
- 4 it is a problem.
- Q. Now, Dr. Simonson concludes that, to the
- 6 extent the companies that he excluded, because
- 7 they appeared on the no-contact list, are, on
- 8 average, more sophisticated advertisers, then his
- 9 results would likely to be conservative on key
- 10 topics such as multi-homing and substitution.
- Do you have any reason to doubt that
- 12 conclusion?
- 13 A. Yes. He provides no evidence of that.
- 14 Why would they be -- why would it be more
- 15 conservative? I don't understand that comment.
- 16 Q. Did you review the bases for
- 17 Dr. Simonson's statement?
- 18 A. I did, but I don't remember the
- 19 specifics.
- Q. Did you disagree with him when you
- 21 reviewed that paragraph in his report?
- 22 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.

- 1 THE WITNESS: To be perfectly honest,
- 2 that's a phrase that academics use all the time to
- 3 try to get them out of difficult situations
- 4 that -- it's not necessarily a valid statement, to
- 5 be quite honest.
- 6 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 7 Q. Which phrase, the fact that --
- 8 A. Likely to be conservative.
- 9 Q. It's not a phrase you've ever used
- 10 before, Dr. Hoyer?
- 11 A. Oh, I've used it. We all use it. But
- 12 that doesn't mean it's right.
- 13 Q. But still, you have no basis to disagree
- 14 with that conclusion in his report, despite the
- 15 fact that you question the use of the word
- 16 "conservative," right?
- 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: He doesn't provide detailed
- 19 reasons of why it would be conservative, and I --
- 20 I would have to be convinced of his reasoning
- 21 before I would accept that statement.
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- 1 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 2 Q. Well, part of your assignment was to
- 3 review and respond to Dr. Simonson's report,
- 4 right?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And disagreeing with his statement that
- 7 exclusion of individuals on the no-contact list is
- 8 not a criticism -- strike that.
- 9 His conclusion that exclusion of the
- 10 companies on the no-contact list was likely to
- 11 make the results of his survey conservative is not
- 12 a conclusion that you challenge in your report,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. I challenge that the sample is
- 15 unrepresentative, and we don't know how that
- 16 affected the survey.
- But the issue -- it's not a valued [sic]
- 18 support because the purpose of a survey should be
- 19 to be able to draw valid conclusions on a
- 20 representative sample. And anything less than
- 21 that calls into question the reliability and
- 22 usefulness of the survey.

- Q. But you did not specifically disagree
- 2 with Dr. Simonson's conclusion that exclusion of
- 3 the companies on the no-contact list may have
- 4 rendered his survey results conservative, rights?
- 5 MR. SHEANIN: Objection.
- 6 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 7 Q. That's not something that you said in
- 8 your report?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form.
- THE WITNESS: I didn't say it in my
- 11 report. But since you're asking me, I don't -- I
- 12 can't accept that comment at face value.
- 13 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 14 Q. All right. Let's look at paragraph 69 of
- 15 your report, please.
- 16 All right. And in this paragraph you
- 17 criticize Dr. Simonson because you say he has no
- 18 way to ascertain whether two, five, ten, or more
- 19 respondents in his final sample work for the same
- 20 company, right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. That's because, theoretically, people
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- 1 from different business units in the same company
- 2 could answer the survey?
- 3 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Or from the same business
- 5 unit even.
- 6 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 7 Q. Did you look at the data that
- 8 Dr. Simonson provided to determine how many
- 9 individuals from the same company answered the
- 10 survey?
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 12 Foundation.
- 13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall. I don't
- 14 remember seeing that.
- 15 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Is that something you looked into?
- 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 18 Foundation.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I was just basing it on his
- 20 report that he didn't mention that there was any
- 21 effort to only have single individuals from each
- 22 company. I didn't see his description of that.

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Page 286 Page 288 1 BY MS. DEARBORN: THE WITNESS: As I said, this is not a Q. And you had survey responses in raw data 2 key burning issue that leads to my major -- my 3 form provided by Dr. Simonson, right? 3 central conclusions. A. Yes. 4 BY MS. DEARBORN: 5 Q. Did you look to see how many survey 5 Q. Okay. But you agree that, in your 6 respondents were from the same company? 6 example of Axe and Dove, it would have been MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 7 appropriate for Dr. Simonson to include two 8 Foundation. 8 members of the Unilever company, correct? THE WITNESS: I did not. This was not a A. In that specific context, yes. 10 burning issue. I spent more time on more critical 10 MR. SHEANIN: We've been going for about 11 issues. 11 an hour. Would you like a break? 12 BY MS. DEARBORN: 12 THE WITNESS: We could. Yeah, I'm fine. MS. DEARBORN: I'm fine with that. Q. Okay. So this isn't, standing alone, a 13 14 reason why you think Dr. Simonson's report is 14 MR. SHEANIN: Okay. Let's take a break. 15 unreliable? 15 VIDEO TECHNICIAN: We're now off the 16 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 16 record at 1:58 p.m. 17 Foundation. 17 (A recess was taken.) 18 THE WITNESS: Correct. 18 VIDEO TECHNICIAN: We're now back on the 19 record at 12 -- I'm sorry, 2:12 p.m. 19 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. Okay. And you -- we've talked at length 20 You may proceed. 21 about how Dr. Simonson's report or his survey 21 Y MS. DEARBORN: 22 asked respondents in the instructions to answer on 22 Q. Welcome back, Dr. Hoyer. I understand Page 287 Page 289 1 behalf of their business unit, right? 1 from your counsel that you'd like to correct or 2 2 clarify one of your prior answers. A. Yes. A. Yes. 3 Q. And we talked about how Axe and Dove may 3 4 Q. Please feel free to do that. 4 have different marketing objectives? A. Yes. 5 A. Yes. I accidentally misspoke when I 5 6 mentioned that there was a high -- it's on Q. So wouldn't it have been appropriate for 7 Dr. Simonson to survey both a member of the Axe 7 paragraph 84 of my report. I misspoke. What -- I meant to say 8 business unit and a member of the Dove business 9 there's a higher percentage -- 50 percent higher 9 unit? 10 10 percentage of response in the lower end [sic] MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 11 THE WITNESS: If they were in separate 11 survey that opted out versus the high end survey. 12 I believe I accidentally reversed that, and -- it 12 units, but there's no data to indicate that that 13 occurred, that he -- I mean, he would have had to 13 was just a mistake. Q. We're all human. 14 ask a question of, if it wasn't the same company, 14 A. Right. 15 was it a different unit? And I didn't see any 15 16 data in that regard. 16 Q. We misspeak sometimes. Right? 17 BY MS. DEARBORN: 17 A. After speaking for hours, it -- right. Q. You didn't see data in that regard, but 18 Q. Yep. Thank you for the clarification. 19 A. Yeah. 19 you didn't look, right? We just talked about 20 Q. And understood. 20 that.

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I try not to jump around too much, but I

22 do just have a few clarifying questions about

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22 Foundation.

MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.

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- 1 topics that we addressed prior to the break, so I
- 2 hope you'll forgive me --
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. -- and if you at any point need to
- 5 clarify my question, please ask. Okay?
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Okay. At some point we discussed
- 8 Dr. Simonson's disclosure at the end of the survey
- 9 of the survey's sponsor and purpose, right?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you said that it's fairly common to
- 12 ask respondents to guess at the end of a survey
- 13 about the survey sponsor and then exclude them if
- 14 they guess correctly, right?
- 15 A. Well, could I clar- --
- 16 Q. Of course.
- 17 A. We don't ask them, could you guess? What
- 18 do you think? Not guess on it. We don't
- 19 encourage them to come up with any random answer,
- 20 but rather, what do you think the purpose of this
- 21 survey was? Or, who was the sponsor of the
- 22 survey?

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- 1 Q. Right. And if they answer correctly to
- 2 that question at the end of the survey, then you
- 3 exclude their results --
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. -- right?
- 6 Do I understand you correctly that the
- 7 reason you do that is because survey respondents
- 8 who answer that question correctly would have had
- 9 in their mind the survey sponsor while they were
- 10 answering questions?
- 11 A. Yes. They -- that is the major concern.
- 12 It's also a major concern in academic studies
- 13 because it's like a game. A lot of times it's
- 14 college students or even -- we use panels as well.
- 15 People are trying to guess what the purpose of the
- 16 survey is. And it does alter the -- we have
- 17 demand characteristics if people are concerned
- 18 about who the sponsor -- you know, what they -- I
- 19 want to be a good subject, I want to look good,
- 20 and so I might alter my responses based on that.
- Q. Okay. So what you're concerned about is
- 22 the -- what survey respondents have in their mind

1 as they're answering the questions, right?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. You're not concerned about excluding a
- 4 population of survey respondents at the end of the
- 5 study simply because they correctly identified the
- 6 survey sponsor.
- 7 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Well, you would be -- what
- 9 we would have to do -- in surveys I've done, if
- 10 there is -- if there are people -- it's usually
- 11 not a big problem, but if it is a problem, you've
- 12 got to make sure the final sample is
- 13 representative, so you must go back and get
- 14 respondents to fit that category of what you set
- 15 out as your sample to reflect the population.
- 16 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 17 Q. Okay. But here, you have no reason to
- 18 believe that respondents knew, while they were
- 19 answering questions, that Google sponsored the
- 20 survey, right?
- 21 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- THE WITNESS: We don't know, but it's

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- 1 possible. But there's no -- he didn't ask that
- 2 question, so there's no way to determine that.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 Q. Okay. My question is a little different.
- 5 You have no reason to believe that
- 6 respondents knew, while they were answering
- 7 questions, that Google sponsored the survey,
- 8 correct?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form. Asked
- 10 and answered.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't have any data
- 12 to know whether they did or not.
- 13 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 14 Q. Okay. And nothing about the way that the
- 15 survey was designed would suggest to survey
- 16 respondents who sponsored the survey, right?
- 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Not that I could see.
- 19 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 20 Q. That's not one of your criticisms --
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. -- of Dr. Simonson's study, right?

Page 294 Page 296 1 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 1 BY MS. DEARBORN: 2 THE WITNESS: No, it is not one of my 2 Q. It's actually more than 150 companies 3 criticisms. 3 that spent more than \$30 million in advertising in 4 BY MS. DEARBORN: 4 the last 12 months? Q. Okay. All right. We also talked about 5 A. I believe that's correct. 5 6 the excluded list of companies in appendix I, or Q. So you'd agree that Dr. Simonson's higher 7 what I would call the no-contact list, right? 7 spend advertiser survey included some very large A. Yes. 8 companies, right? 8 9 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. Q. And one of your concerns is that the 10 no-contact lists include some very large 10 THE WITNESS: My criticism is not that he 11 included some. If you looked at the distribution 11 companies, like members of the Fortune 100, right? 12 A. Yes. 12 of the actual spending of the entire population, Q. It is the case that Dr. Simonson's higher 13 13 my guess, the right end would be significantly 14 higher and it would not look like this bell curve. 14 spend advertiser survey also included some very 15 large companies, right? 15 It would look much -- particularly if you look at 16 A. They include some. Yes. 16 amount spent. 17 17 Q. Right. And he reproduced that in So I'd say this end of -- the right end 18 Exhibit 6 to his report? 18 of this distribution is underrepresented. 19 A. I don't recall the specific exhibit. 19 BY MS. DEARBORN: 20 Q. You're welcome to look at it if you need 20 Q. So you indicated in your answer that 21 to, but --21 that's your guess, right? 22 A. Is that in the report? 22 A. Well, I know that they've excluded a Page 295 Page 297 1 Q. Yes. Exhibit 6 to his report. 1 significant amount of revenue -- companies that 2 A. Okay. 2 account for -- like I said, 9 of the top 15 whales 3 Q. And this reproduces the answer to this 3 of Google's revenue are excluded. 4 QS10, the screener question 10, which asks, Q. But your view that this distribution is 5 Approximately how much did your company spend in 5 skewed, that's based on a guess, right? 6 the last 12 months on all advertising, including 6 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 7 all digital types? 7 Misstates testimony. 8 A. Uh-huh. THE WITNESS: I haven't had -- worked out 9 Q. Right? 9 numbers on that. 10 BY MS. DEARBORN: 10 11 Q. And this reflects the eventual population 11 Q. Right. You didn't conduct a study of the 12 of Dr. Simonson's survey? 12 overall distribution of advertising spend in U.S. 13 A. I believe that's correct. 13 companies, correct? 14 Q. And there are a number of companies A. Well, I have some data in my report about 14 15 towards the right end of this graph -- that's a 15 the amount spent by companies that were excluded. 16 terrible question. 16 I forget what paragraph it's in, but --There's over a hundred companies that 17 Q. Right. We looked at that before. That's 18 the ---18 spent more than \$30 million on advertising in the 19 last 12 months, correct? 19 A. Right.

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Q. -- companies -- the amount companies

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21 spent with Google, right?

A. Right.

A. I would assume so, yes.

MR. SHEANIN: I -- okay.

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Page 298 Page 300 1 Q. So you haven't done a study that looks at 1 BY MS. DEARBORN: 2 the distribution of advertising spend across all Q. Okay. I understand you have things that 3 companies in the United States, correct? 3 you want to say, and I understand the criticisms MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 4 in your report. I really need to ask my questions 5 THE WITNESS: Could you restate that 5 and get an answer to my question, Dr. Hoyer. And 6 question? 6 I know you're not trying to be disrespectful, but 7 BY MS. DEARBORN: 7 I do need an answer to my question. All right? Q. I'm not sure I can, but I'll say it 8 MR. SHEANIN: Counsel, he's answering 9 again. 9 your questions. You ask him your questions and 10 You haven't done a study that evaluates 10 he's giving you answer. 11 the distribution of advertising spend across all 11 MS. DEARBORN: That's --12 companies in the United States, right? 12 MR. SHEANIN: That's what you're entitled 13 A. No, I have not done that study. 13 to in a deposition. 14 Q. Okay. So you have no basis to say that MS. DEARBORN: I have asked my question, 14 15 the distribution in the higher spend advertising 15 to which he has given nonresponsive answers, and 16 study that Dr. Simonson conducted is different 16 so I'm going to ask my question again. And I will 17 from the distribution of advertising spend across 17 get an answer to my question because I think the 18 companies in the United States, right? 18 answer to this one is fairly simple. 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 19 BY MS. DEARBORN: 20 THE WITNESS: Based on the data in my 20 Q. Dr. Hoyer, you have not done a study that 21 report, I would be very -- find it very hard to 21 evaluates the distribution of advertising spend 22 believe that his sample is representative of the 22 amongst companies in the United States, correct? Page 299 Page 301 1 types of -- the spending companies -- the 1 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. Asked 2 companies in the population. 2 and answered. 3 BY MS. DEARBORN: 3 THE WITNESS: Do I -- I'm not sure --Q. You say it's hard to believe, but you 4 MR. SHEANIN: You can answer the 5 haven't done an analysis of that. 5 question. A. It's formally hard to believe that --6 MS. DEARBORN: Do not coach the witness. 7 just based on my analysis and these numbers, it 7 MR. SHEANIN: I --8 would be -- I strongly suspect that the sample is 8 BY MS. DEARBORN: 9 unrepresentative. 9 Q. Please answer the question. 10 Q. Okay. You said that you strongly 10 A. I have not done a formal study, but there 11 suspect. 11 is strong evidence. 12 You have not done a study to determine 12 Q. And the strong evidence that you're 13 whether or not the sample that Dr. Simonson 13 citing, that's the material in your report that 14 evaluated in his survey was, in fact, 14 we've discussed previously, looking at the amount 15 unrepresentative of the United States advertiser 15 of --16 population, correct? A. Yeah. 16 17 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. 17 Q. -- that advertisers spent with Google? 18 THE WITNESS: Again, I still maintain, 18 A. Yes. 19 based on the numbers I present in my report, that 19 Q. But you have -- that's spent -- okay.

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All right. I'd like to turn to another

22 of your criticisms of Dr. Simonson's report and

20 he has excluded very significant advertisers that 20 Strike that.

21 account for a major portion of Google's business, 21

22 and that produces an unrepresentative sample.

- 1 always games that subjects play. It's -- the key
- 2 is whether it's systematic demand characteristics.
- 3 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 4 Q. Right. So you would agree that some
- 5 demand characteristics effect is minor?
- 6 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 7 THE WITNESS: The key issue is whether it
- 8 systematically influences results in a certain
- 9 way. And particularly, does it influence results
- 10 towards the hypothesis of the researcher?
- 11 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 12 Q. Have you done any empirical analysis to
- 13 determine whether demand effects influenced
- 14 Dr. Simonson's study in a systematic way?
- 15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I am not -- I did not
- 17 have the time to do a study of that nature. It
- 18 was not part of my assignment.
- 19 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- Q. Would you agree that there's no such
- 21 thing as a perfect survey?
- A. I would agree with that. But some

- 1 question that question as being vague.
  - 2 MS. DEARBORN: Okay. Let's look at --

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- 3 let's do tab 30, please, Anita. Let's mark -- I
- 4 believe we're up to Exhibit 5.
- 5 (Hoyer Deposition Exhibit 5 marked for
- 6 identification and attached to the
- 7 transcript.)
- 8 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 9 Q. Okay. We've marked as Hoyer Exhibit 5 an
- 10 article titled, "Service brand relationship
- 11 quality: Hot or cold?"
- 12 Do you recognize this document,
- 13 Dr. Hoyer?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. What is it?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. What is it?
- 18 A. It's an article I wrote with my Swiss
- 19 colleagues looking at -- it was mainly focused on
- 20 brand relationship quality.
- Q. Do you stand by the results of this
- 22 paper?

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- 1 surveys are much more flawed than others.
- 2 Q. Have you ever asked survey respondents
- 3 questions about what they would do in a response
- 4 to a price increase without specifying the amount
- 5 of that increase?
- 6 A. I don't do pricing research, so no, I
- 7 have not.
- 8 Q. Have you ever seen that asked?
- 9 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Most typically -- again,
- 11 I've seen many studies. Studies that I can recall
- 12 seeing do specify an amount, like dollar amount or
- 13 percentage increase.
- 14 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 15 Q. Have you ever seen a survey done that
- 16 asks respondents what they would do in response to
- 17 a price increase without specifying the dollar
- 18 amount or specific amount of the increase?
- 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form. Asked
- 20 and answered.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Not that I can recall. And
- 22 if I were a reviewer of a study, I would highly

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you think the methodology you employed
- 3 was reliable --
- 4 A. As far as --
- 5 Q. -- in conducting a survey?
- 6 A. As far as I can recall, yes.
- 7 Q. Just because I'm watching the transcript
- 8 here, please let me finish my question before you
- 9 start your answer. Our transcript is going to be
- 10 a mess otherwise.
- 11 MR. SHEANIN: Yeah, if every one would
- 12 take a moment so that you could finish the
- 13 question, I can finish an objection and you can
- 14 get a good answer --
- 15 THE WITNESS: Guilty, sorry.
- MR. SHEANIN: I promise that our court
- 17 reporter would be appreciative.
- 18 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 19 Q. Okay. So just to ask my question again,
- 20 you stand by the methodology that you employed in
- 21 conducting this study, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. All right. So this study involved a
- 2 survey, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. It involved a survey of consumers,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. As far as I remember, yes.
- 7 Q. And the survey questions are reproduced
- 8 in appendix A, right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And the only difference between the
- 11 survey questions reproduced in appendix A and
- 12 those you actually gave to survey respondents is
- 13 that you actually substituted a brand in response
- 14 to the Xs in this table, right?
- 15 A. I believe so. This was done ten years
- 16 ago, but yes, I think so.
- 17 Q. Right. So, here, X was a brand of
- 18 airline?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But otherwise, these were verbatim the
- 21 questions that you gave to survey respondents,
- 22 right?

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- A. Technically, yes. It's an English
- 2 translation. It was Swiss -- it was in German.
- 3 Q. But you think this was accurately
- 4 translated, correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. So I'd like to focus your
- 7 attention midway down the page. There are two
- 8 questions underneath the header "Willingness to
- 9 pay a price premium."
- 10 Do you see that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And one of the questions that you asked
- 13 consumers in this survey was, "The price of X
- 14 would have to go up quite a bit before I would
- 15 switch to another airline brand," right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did you put a specific value on the
- 18 phrase "quite a bit" anywhere in this survey?
- 19 A. This is a standard set of questions.
- 20 "Willingness to pay" is a common term and is based
- 21 on a previous scale that's cited there, Netemeyer,
- 22 et al.

But no, we did not change that question

- 2 based on the previous scale.
- 3 Q. And the previous scale, that's not a
- 4 dollar figure scale, right? That's, like, a
- 5 sliding scale from 1 to whatever, indicating the
- 6 extent to which the respondent agreed with that
- 7 phrase?
- 8 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't remember if it was
- 10 a sliding scale.
- 11 BY MS. DEARBORN:
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. It's been ten years. I --
- 14 Q. Well, you said the previous scale cited
- 15 there, so I'm just trying to understand what that
- 16 previous scale is.
- 17 A. The Netemeyer, et al., 2004 scale.
- 18 Q. And what is that scale? Can you describe
- 19 it for me?
- 20 A. Well, it's these two -- it's a scale to
- 21 measure willingness to pay.
- Q. But how is -- what are the actual values

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- 1 on that scale?
- 2 A. I don't remember.
- 3 Q. Is it a specific dollar amount?
- 4 A. I can't remember, to be honest. It's ten
- 5 years ago.
- 6 Q. Just based -- looking at the language of
- 7 this question --
- 8 A. I mean, it might be -- I could take time
- 9 to read the article, to go back and see what all
- 10 the scales were, but I don't remember off the top
- 11 of my head.
- 12 Q. Well, you agree that the question that
- 13 you asked survey respondents was, "The price of X
- 14 would have to go up quite a bit before I would
- 15 switch to another airline brand," right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. So the most likely scale that would allow
- 18 respondents to answer that question is one that
- 19 indicates their willingness to pay, right?
- 20 Very -- strongly agree, do not agree, et cetera?
- 21 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.
- 22 Foundation.

Page 334 Page 336 1 THE WITNESS: That's one way you could 1 switch to another airline brand," right? 2 MR. SHEANIN: Asked and answered. 2 measure it. You could also ask them -- and some 3 3 studies do -- how much would it have to go up THE WITNESS: Yes. 4 before I would switch to another brand? 4 BY MS. DEARBORN: 5 BY MS. DEARBORN: 5 Q. And in answering that question, Q. That would be a different question, 6 respondents were required to indicate their 7 though, right, Dr. Hoyer? 7 response on a sliding scale that went from 8 "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"? A. It would measure willingness to pay. Q. But you would have to ask a different A. It's not a sliding scale. It's a 10 question in order to evaluate how much the price 10 seven-point scale, and they circle one of the --11 would have to go up in order for them to switch, 11 or indicate one of the numbers from 1 to 7. 12 12 right? Q. I appreciate the clarification. 13 A. Yes. 13 In order to answer the question "The 14 Q. All right. My colleague has helpfully 14 price of X would have to go up quite a bit before 15 pointed out a portion of this article that might 15 I would switch to another airline brand," 16 reflesh -- refresh your recollection as to the way 16 respondents answered on a scale that went from 17 that the scale was worded. 17 "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree"? 18 If you could turn to page 96 of this 18 A. That's correct. 19 article, please. Under "Measures," the last 19 Q. And this question did not ask about a 20 sentence of the first paragraph says, "With few 20 specific dollar amount that the price would go up, 21 exceptions (i.e., consideration of set size, share 21 right? 22 of wallet, and revenue per customer), all items 22 A. It did not. Page 335 Page 337 1 were measured with a seven-point Likert" --Q. And it didn't ask about a specific 2 L-i-k-e-r-t --2 percentage that the price would go up before they 3 A. Likert. 3 would answer that question, right? 4 Q. -- "type scale, anchored by 'strongly 4 A. Yes. 5 disagree' and 'strongly agree." 5 MR. SHEANIN: Object to form. 6 Do you see that? 6 THE WITNESS: Sorry. 7 A. Yes. 7 BY MS. DEARBORN: 8 Q. So the willingness to pay questions are Q. Okay. And you do not think that asking 9 not one of the three exceptions that are listed 9 this question was unreliable in any way, right? 10 there, right? 10 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form. 11 11 THE WITNESS: I don't think it's the best A. That's correct. 12 Q. So the willingness to pay questions were 12 way we could have asked it. In retrospect, I 13 measured with a scale anchored by "strongly 13 would have asked it differently, from what I know

14 disagree" and "strongly agree"?

15 MR. SHEANIN: Objection. Form.

16 Go ahead.

17 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

18 BY MS. DEARBORN:

19 Q. Okay. So again, to make sure we have a

20 clean record with that refreshed recollection, in

21 this survey you asked consumers, "The price of X

22 would have to go up quite a bit before I would

14 now. But it's just one item on the whole study.

15 BY MS. DEARBORN:

Q. And you did not define the phrase "quite 16

17 a bit" in that question, right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. So you asked respondents, "The price of X

20 would have to go up quite a bit before I would

21 switch to another airline brand," without defining

22 the specific --

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Page 338 Page 340 1 A. Yeah. 1 rejected on those grounds. 2 Q. -- price increase, right? 2 BY MS. DEARBORN: 3 A. Yes. Q. Thank you, Dr. Hoyer. 4 Q. The next question under this "Willingness 4 Okay. Let's stay on paragraph 75 of your 5 to pay a price premium" section of questions says, 5 report, please. 6 "I am willing to pay a higher price for X than for MR. SHEANIN: Are we done with this 6 7 other airline brands." 7 article? 8 MS. DEARBORN: For the moment. 8 Do you see that? 9 A. Yes. 9 MR. SHEANIN: Okay. 10 Q. Did you define for survey respondents 10 MS. DEARBORN: I can't promise we won't 11 what a higher price was? 11 return to it. 12 12 BY MS. DEARBORN: A. I guess we did not. Q. Okay. I'd like to focus your attention 13 Q. Did you attach a specific dollar amount 13 14 to that phrase? 14 on paragraph 75(d). 15 A. I'll be frank. Again, this was --15 So in the second full sentence of this 16 Q. I appreciate it. 16 paragraph, you write, " 17 A. No, we did not. Q. Did you attach a significant numerical 19 value to that phrase? How about that? 20 A. No. 21 Q. Did you attach a specific percentage that -- and then you 22 the price would go up in connection with this 22 continue. Page 339 Page 341 1 question to consumers? 1 Do you see that? 2 2 A. No, we did not. A. Yes. 3 Q. And again, you think the answers you got 3 Q. I notice that you don't use the 4 word "focalism" in this paragraph. 4 to these questions were reliable? 5 5 A. Well, as I just said, in retrospect, I I'm wondering, are you suggesting that 6 would have asked these questions differently, but 6 Dr. Simonson's survey suffered from focalism bias? 7 two wrongs don't make a right. 7 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form. 8 Q. Was this paper peer reviewed? THE WITNESS: How do you define focalism 9 A. Yes. 9 bias? 10 BY MS. DEARBORN: Q. And the peer reviewers of this academic 11 paper that you co-authored didn't question the 11 Q. Well, why don't you define it for me? 12 phrasing of that question, correct? 12 A. I don't -- you mean focalism being A. Correct. Because we used an established 13 13 focused too much on one topic? I don't remember 14 scale that had been published elsewhere. 14 the specific definition. 15 Q. But they didn't question your decision But I'm not talking about focalism so 16 not to attach dollar values or percentage 16 much as the realistic nature of the scenario that, 17 increases to that "willingness to pay" set of 17 when advertisers buy display advertising, there 18 questions, right? 18 are a number of key factors which they consider, 19 MR. SHEANIN: Objection to form. 19 the most important one being, does it reach my 20 Foundation. 20 target? 21 THE WITNESS: Not that I can recall. And the reason that's important is 22 Again, it's been ten years. But the paper was not 22 because, even if there was a small increase in

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1	Q. How would you go about determining
2	whether or not different people from the same
3	company or from different business units within
4	the same company took the survey?
5	A. You would need a question or data on
6	that. And in his instructions, he it is
	completely anonymous. And looking back at the
	backup data, there was no question on what company
	they were from, so there's no way to evaluate
	that.
11	MR. SHEANIN: Thank you. I have no
12	further questions.
13	MS. DEARBORN: Nothing further.
14	VIDEO TECHNICIAN: Okay. This now ends
15	the deposition of Dr. Wayne Hoyer. We're off the
16	record at 5:16 p.m.
17	(Whereupon, at 5:16 p.m., the videotaped
18	deposition of WAYNE D. HOYER, Ph.D., was
19	concluded.)
'	concluded.)
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1	CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC
2	I, CHRISTINA S. HOTSKO, the officer before
3	whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby
4	certify that the witness whose testimony appears in
1	the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that
1	the testimony of said witness was taken by me in
1	stenotypy and thereafter reduced to typewriting under
1	my direction; that said statement is a true record of
1	the proceedings; that I am neither counsel for,
1	related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the
1	action in which this statement was taken; and,
1	further, that I am not a relative or employee of any
1	counsel or attorney employed by the parties hereto,
1	nor financially or otherwise interested in the
	outcome of this action.
	Dated: March 6, 2024
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18	CHRISTINA S. HOTSKO
19	Notary Public in and for the
20	District of Columbia
21	My commission expires:
1	1 January 2027
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